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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0022], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0022] Referring now to the drawings and the characters of reference marked thereon, Figure 1 illustrates a preferred embodiment of the cannula supporting coil the present invention, designated generally as 10. The cannula supporting coil 10 comprises a thin resilient elongated member including a proximal portion 12, an intermediate portion 14 and a distal portion 16. The proximal portion 12 includes a clip portion 18 for capturing a side port of an endoscopic or arthroscopic cannula. The clip portion 18 may comprise a loop of the elongated member. The loop may have, for example, a diameter of about 5mm. The distal portion 16 preferably has a plurality of revolutions to accommodate the main body of the cannula. There are generally about 2-5 revolutions, preferably about three. A terminal portion 20 of a final revolution of the distal portion 16 has less curvature than previous portions of the distal portion 16 for anchoring to an anatomical cavity having an anatomical cavity lining. It is preferably straight to assure its purchase in tissues.